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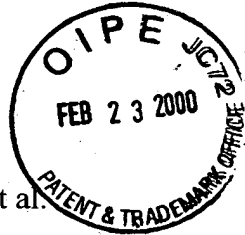
In the application of:

Takeshi KAKINUMA et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
37 CFR 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office action dated September 23, 1999. This extension will extend the time the response is due from December 23, 1999 to February 23, 2000.

A two months extension is requested; the extension fee is \$380.00. A check in the amount of \$380.00 is attached.

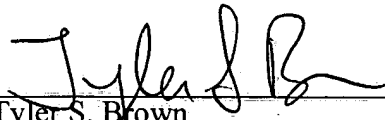
The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to

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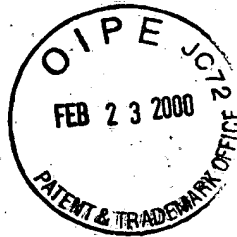
Respectfully submitted,

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